

**RESOLUTION NO. 24
SERIES 2005**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, SUPPORTING REFERENDA C AND D, “THE COLORADO ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN”.

WHEREAS, Colorado voters will have the opportunity on November 1st, to advance the quality of life and economic health of Coloradoans by supporting Referenda C and D, known together as the “Colorado Economic Recovery Plan”; and

WHEREAS, during and since the recent recession, the state has severely cut spending, for much needed services and state spending cannot be restored to pre-recession levels without voter approval even though state revenues have recovered from the recession; and

WHEREAS, municipal revenues and programs are adversely affected whenever state finances are in crisis, and municipal revenues and programs, as well as those of other local governments, will be severely affected if statewide voters do not approve Referendum C; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gunnison, home of Western State College, has felt the financial impacts due to the loss of local jobs at the College, brought on by the severe budget cuts in the Higher Education System; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gunnison is served by two state-maintained highways, U.S. Highway 50 and Colorado Highway 135; and budget cuts have affected the quality of the roadway surfaces and impacted the vehicle-based tourism economy of the area; and

WHEREAS, Referendum C would provide funding for transportation, education, health care, and police and fire retirement plans; and would permit the state to retain excess revenues for five years and eliminate the “ratchet” effect of TABOR following economic downturns, without revising TABOR or raising taxes; and

WHEREAS, Referendum D would accelerate construction and other expenditures for highways and bridges, K-12 and higher education facilities, and police and fire retirement plans through the issuance of voter-approved bonds; and

WHEREAS, Referenda C and D utilize the opportunity afforded voters by TABOR for the state to retain excess revenue in order to provide services in the same manner as local voters in our community and throughout Colorado have done.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, RESOLVES THAT:

The City Council endorses State Referenda C and D, “The Colorado Economic Recovery Plan” in the November 1st election; and

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of July, 2005.

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk